



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Reconciliation Week Service

Pentecost Sunday • 31 May 2020 • 6 pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you have joined us for our streamed service this morning: come and worship with us again.

The cathedral is situated on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation in our nation.

Please join us in singing the hymns and saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type.

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LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe
Dean of St Paul's Cathedral

The Ven Canon Heather Patacca
Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral

The Right Revd Dr Paul Barker
Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Melbourne

The Revd Helen Dwyer
*Senior Chaplain - Overnewton Anglican
Community College*

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Director of Music*

Mr Mark Slavec, *June Nixon Organ Scholar*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

SONG

The Yeng Gali Mullum Choir sings

Amazing Grace

Yumna yala Molagah woi
Guda mabila ma
Numila ma galgudab
Bulawie ma biala

Amazing Grace,
how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
to sing god's praise
Than when we first begun.

Yumna yala Molagah woi
Guda mabila ma
Numila ma galgudab
Bulawie ma biala

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND CATHEDRAL WELCOME

The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe

THE GREETING

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's country, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

'The earth is God's, and everything in it.
the cosmos and all who find their home therein;
for God founded it upon the oceans
and caused it to grow in the midst of the waters'

Psalm 24.1-2

THE OPENING PRAYERS

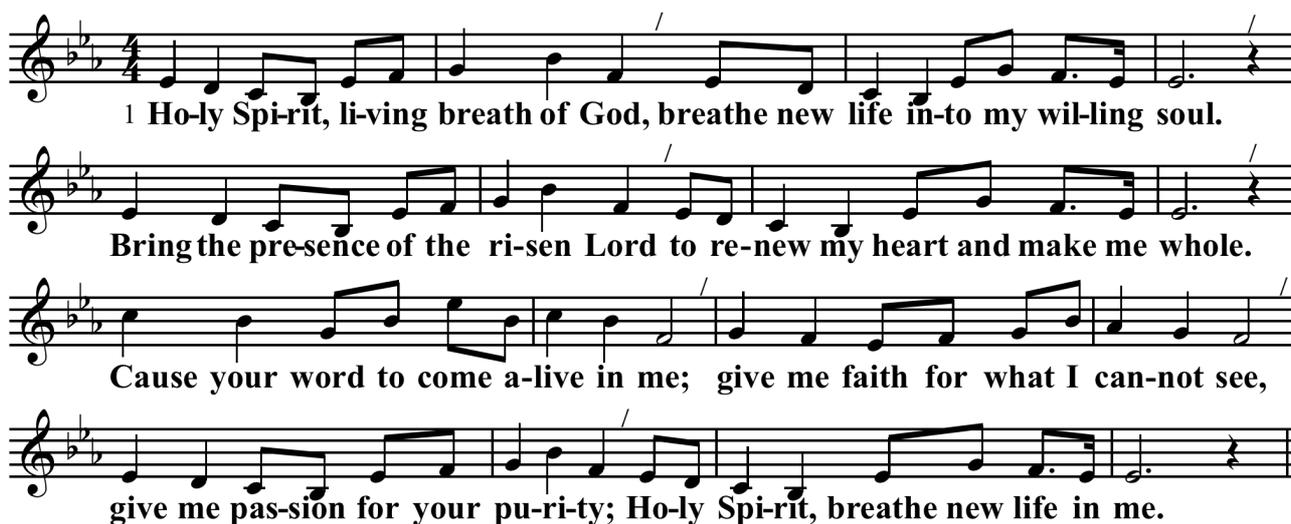
Let us pray.

O God of our ancestors, God who speaks with us through the weave of our
dreaming; God of Israel, who rescued your people from slavery in Egypt,
come now to comfort your people.

O God our Wisdom, you who sang the ancient walkways into being;
Jesus our brother, who sings us along the ancient pathways,
through death and despair to a land flowing with nectar and with honey,
come now to save your people.

O God the Spirit, breath of life and holy fire; God of gracious abundance, who fills
all that is alive with both joy and holy purpose,
come now to renew your people.

THE OPENING HYMN



1 Ho-ly Spi-rit, li-ving breath of God, breathe new life in-to my wil-ling soul.
Bring the pre-sence of the ri-sen Lord to re-new my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come a-live in me; give me faith for what I can-not see,
give me pas-sion for your pu-ri-ty; Ho-ly Spi-rit, breathe new life in me.

2
Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and
attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of
peace.
Turn my strivings into works of
grace;
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on
earth,
cause your church
to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance
of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Stuart Townend (b.1963)
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THE PRAYERS OF LAMENT

'If we claim to be without sin, we lie to ourselves and the truth is far from us.
If we own up to our sins, God is faithful and just;
God will forgive our sins and cleanse every dirty stain.'

1 John 1.8-9

In a moment of silent prayer, let us then lament our sins in penitence and faith.

The Dean:

God of love, creator of this ancient land,
We are a nation divided in many ways:
city against country
rich against poor
man against woman
industry against environment.

Today we gather to name, with heavy hearts,
the longstanding hurts which divide First and Second Australians.

The Precentor:

We lament the grief and heartache caused by
the invasion of this continent by Europeans,
the taking of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander territories without permission,
the rape and torture of First Nations women, men and children,
the policy of assimilation and the dislocation of Indigenous families.
Lord of life, encourage all Australians to dream and live for a new vision:
help us to imagine a land in which all may share in the gospel
values of justice, peace and harmony with our environment.

Director of Music:

Mysterious God, creator of life and bearer of pain,
we pray earnestly this day for reconciliation between
First and Second Australians.

Change our hearts of stone into hearts that feel;
transform our hollow words into works of peace and compassion.
Give us a deep respect and care for one another,
that we may listen to each other's stories without fear or prejudice.
Help us to walk and talk a renewed vision for Australia;
and give us the courage to see it through.

Ancient Spirit of Gondwana,
come upon your people gathered here.
Bless and keep us in the changes we make this day. **Amen.**

Bishop Paul Barker:

Listen to what God says:
'A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
He shall not judge by rumour or by so-called 'common sense'.
With righteousness he shall judge for the little ones,
with justice he shall decide for the one most vulnerable.
The dingo shall live with the kangaroo,
the calf and the croc and the emu together;
and a little child shall look out for them.

Suggested by Isaiah 11.1, 3, 4, 6

Therefore, Christ has this word of grace
for all who lament their complicity with all that is wrong in the world,
who come to God with a broken and contrite spirit:
'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God!

THE COLLECT

Blessed God, Ancient Spirit of Gondwana,
you are the one in whom we live and move and have our being,
you are the one who nurtures and feeds us
with the pure nectar of our ancient faith.
Come now, Blessed One, gather us together in a spirit of hospitality,
that we may welcome your own wisdom in each other's wisdom,
and hear your own voice in each other's voices.
Help us to patiently wait for the word of liberation,
that our hurts may be indeed be healed
and our work for others hallowed.
Help us to do so after the example of Jesus our Lord,
he who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TALK

The Revd Helen Dwyer, Senior Chaplain Overnewton Community College

THE FIRST READING

Joel 2.28-32

Read by the Precentor

²⁸ Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on
the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there
shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be
those whom the LORD calls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Send forth your Spi-rit, O God: and re-new the face of the earth.

- 13 As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
- 14 For he knows of what we are made: he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are but as grass: we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone: and its place will know it no more.

Response

- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever toward those that fear him:
and his righteousness upon their children's children;
- 18 Upon those who keep his covenant:
and remember his commandments to do them.

Response

- 19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven:
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Praise the Lord, all you his angels, you that excel in strength:
you that fulfil his word, and obey the voice of his commandment.
- 21 Praise the Lord, all you his hosts: his servants who do his will.
- 22 Praise the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion:
praise the Lord, O my soul!

Response

Music: Philip Nicholls (b.1976)

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 5.13-26

Read by the Revd Helen Dwyer

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Rt Revd Dr Paul Barker, *Jumbunna Episcopate*

THE ANTHEM

Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand.
May we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.

People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.

Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep this land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

Text: Michael Rayner Thwaites (1915-2000) and Honour Mary Thwaites (1914-93) alt.

Music: KAKADU – Philip Nicholls (b.1976)

after Peter Sculthorpe (1929-2014), his *Kakadu*. Used with permission

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church and for the world,
that God may change our hearts of stone to hearts that can feel.

We pray for our nation's leaders that, by treaty or covenant, they may recognize
the wise leadership of this country's most ancient peoples
for the good of everyone who now shares this commonwealth.

We pray for the leaders of our churches,
that we may embrace truth-telling and repentance concerning our shared
history as the first steps toward the hope of a genuine reconciliation.

Hear us, God of compassion,
and let our cry come unto thee.

We pray for each other in all our diverse humanity,
that we may both delight and celebrate each other;
but also be prepared to care for each other,
to bear one another's burdens as Christ bears ours.

We lay before you our cares and pains for those whose lives have been crushed
by poverty, ill-health, or callous systems and workplaces.

In a moment of quiet prayer, we raise these dear ones in our hearts to you

Hear us, God of compassion,
and let our cry come unto thee.

Finally, God of love, we pray the prayer of the infant church:

veni sancte spiritus; Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit, to heal our broken hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, to heal our broken politics.

Come, Holy Spirit, to restore our broken relationships.

Come, Holy Spirit, to heal our broken churches and fill us with the dreamings
of Jesus for a world made new.

We long for the day when we shall sit at your banquet table
and share in your peace.

Hear us, God of compassion,
and let our cry come unto thee.

God of compassion, you have promised to hear our prayers. And so we
together offer the prayer that you taught your disciples, each in our heart
language:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父 ...

Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ..., Our Father who art ...,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and for ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 When will it— be that the— sor - row will end?
When will the stran-ger be found as a friend?
When will the— sto - ries of grief be em - braced,—
told by the sto - len, the— lost, the dis - placed?

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line starts with a '1' indicating the beginning of the first measure. There are slurs over the final notes of each line. The lyrics are: '1 When will it— be that the— sor - row will end?', 'When will the stran-ger be found as a friend?', 'When will the— sto - ries of grief be em - braced,—', and 'told by the sto - len, the— lost, the dis - placed?'.

When will the languages flourish again,
cultures be treasured and pride shine through pain?
When will new hearts know that love has drawn near,
banishing deafness and blindness and fear?

When will it be that the wounds will be healed,
new ways of walking together revealed?
When will the land and its peoples be one,
truth fully told and deep justice be done?

Now, as the First Peoples' voices are heard,
now, as each li-ste-ner's conscience is stirred,
Christ in our midst, keep us turning to you
and to each other, this long journey through.

Elizabeth J. Smith (b.1956)

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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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